

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Claims 28-31, 33-34, 38, 40, 43, 45-47, 49-51, and 53 are amended to change their dependencies, and claims 41 and 52 are amended to include the features of cancelled claim 27. No new matter is introduced. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 28-53 are pending, of which claims 41 and 52 are independent.

Abstract

A revised Abstract is attached, and withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 27 is rejected as being indefinite for including the phrase “such as.” While claim 27 is cancelled without prejudice, claims 41 and 52 are amended to include the features of claim 27, but without this phrase. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 41-52 were indicated as being allowable if amended to include the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 41 and 52 are so amended, so that claims 41-52 are now in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 27-31 and 53 stand rejected as anticipated by in view of Sizemore, U.S. Patent 5,341,957 (Sizemore). This rejection is traversed. The rejection of claim 27 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 27 without prejudice. Claims 28-31 and 53 are amended to depend from allowable claim 41 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Claims 32-37 stand rejected as obvious in view of a combination of Sizemore and Baker et al., U.S. Patent 5,222,531. This rejection is traversed. Claims 32-37 depend from allowable claim 41 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Conclusion

In view of the above, claims 28-53 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any issues arise or a telephone conference is believed helpful, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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